



Commonwealth of Kentucky Personnel Cabinet

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Merit Recommendations Employee Input Tour

Frankfort, KY -- Personnel Cabinet Secretary Erwin Roberts is visiting state employees in a round-the-state Chat n' Listen Mission. He will discuss recommendations proposed by the Merit Blue Ribbon Task Force in eleven cities. Roberts will seek feedback from employees to share with task force members, Governor Ernie Fletcher and Commonwealth legislators.

"I hope to alleviate some misconceptions that have arisen regarding the merit task force mission," Roberts said. "I am there to meet employees during Employee Appreciation Week, to thank them, to answer their questions and to listen."

Roberts is encouraging other Cabinet Secretaries and supervisors to allow their employees time off to attend these sessions. Most of the meetings around the state will last one hour. "It's unfortunate that some are encouraging other state employees to be uninformed," Roberts said, "because the meetings are being held to benefit state employees."

The ten-city Employee Input Tour begins in Frankfort on Thursday, October 20, 2005 and ends in Louisville on October 31, 2005.

Secretary Roberts will visit the following areas:

Frankfort:	<u>10:00 a.m. - October 20th</u> Frankfort Convention Center Arena
Frankfort:	<u>2:00 p.m. - October 20th</u> Frankfort Convention Center
Somerset:	<u>10:00 a.m. - October 24th</u>

Somerset Community College
Harold Rogers Student Committee Room
808 Monticello Street

- Henderson:** **1:00 p.m. - October 24th**
Henderson Community College
Fine Arts Center
- Lexington:** **1:30 p.m. – October 25th**
District 7 Transportation Building
763 West New Circle Road – Building 2
- Lexington:** **3:00 p.m. - October 25th**
District 7 Transportation Building
763 West New Circle Road – Building 2
- Bowling Green:** **10:00 a.m. - October 26th**
Western Kentucky University
Carol Knicely Center, Room 113
2355 Nashville Rd.
- Highland Heights/Covington:** **2:00 p.m. – October 27th**
Kenton County City Building
The Commissioner's Chambers
20 E. 7th Street
- Prestonsburg:** **10:00 a.m. - October 28th**
Jenny Wiley State Park
75 Theatre Court
- Hazard:** **1:00 p.m. - October 28th**
Hazard City Hall
700 Main Street
- Paducah:** **10:00 a.m. - October 31st**
Kentucky Dam Village
The Village Green Meeting Room
US 641 South
- Louisville:** **3:00 p.m. - October 31st**
University of Louisville
Shelby Campus
Founder's Union Building
2nd Floor, Room 218 A&B
9001 Shelbyville Road

For information on the proposed merit recommendations, log onto
<http://personnel.ky.gov/NR/ronlyres/1D6ED10F-4B63-4948-8FE8-3EA57D4921D1/0/compprerec.pdf>

There will be questionnaire sheets provided at each location for those who wish to submit questions anonymously.